

Browning Farmhouse
AL-11-A-118
North side of Black Valley Road
near Flintstone

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Browning Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North Side of Black Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Robert L. and Bonnie A. Logeston

Telephone #: 478-2360

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 233

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21530

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 328

Folio #: 438

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

A.L.-II-A-118

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building is a rectangular frame house three bays wide and two and a half stories tall, with German and shiplap siding. The wall features include cornerboards.

The stone foundation of the building is a low rubble, one with a plain water table. The eaves consist of boxed cornice and soffit on gabled flanks (SW and NE) and a simple overhanging cornice with bed mould on gabled ends. The gable flank roof is covered with pressed tin shingles. On it are located lightning rods and snowbirds. Two brick chimneys are original with corbeled caps and are located on the interior.

The entrance on the southwest facade of the building is pedimented with one light recessed transom. The door has one light with five recessed panels and engraved original hardware.

The pegged windows are one over one lights with a one-light casement in the dormer.

A small frame structure was added onto the southeastern facade of the house. This addition has a shed roof.

The porch of the building has a wraparound veranda with lattice underneath. The ribbed-tin shed roof is supported by decoratively-cut post with a decorative balustrade.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Meschach Browning built this large frame house late in the 1890's. It⁽¹⁾ was built to replace an older house on the family farm that was torn down. During⁽²⁾ the nineteenth century it was common for children to settle on the family farms. Other⁽³⁾ houses in the neighborhood were also built by members of the Browning Family. (See AL-II-A-119)

There were 133 farmers and a total⁽⁴⁾ of 1200 people living on farms in the Flintstone area between 1878 and 1881. They were an integral part⁽⁵⁾ of the area's economy, producing crops mostly of "wheat, oats, potatoes, and corn." The importance of farming was sustained into the twentieth century by improvements in the efficiency of the farms. The Flintstone School devoted so much time to improving farming techniques that it won a reputation⁽⁶⁾ as the western branch of the University of Maryland Agriculture School.

The Browning Farmhouse retains its original appearance and exemplifies the prosperous farmhouses built later in the nineteenth century. It is large to accommodate the traditionally large farm family. Interesting features of this house include the handsome wraparound veranda and the original roof of pressed tin shingles functionally decorated with snowbirds and lightning rods.

(1) Interview with owner, Mrs. Robert Logeston, March 1, 1979

(2) Harry Stegmaier, et al, Alleghany County - A History (Parsons, West Va.: McClain Printing Co.), p. 97.

(3) Interview cited in Note 1.

(4) Stegmaier, P. 213 and 259.

(5) Ibid, p. 213

(6) Ibid, p. 222

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stegmaier, Harry et al, Allegany County - A History (Parsons, W.Va.: McClain Printing Co.)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 59.9 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Shara Goodwin, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Site Survey

March 8, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building
3-33 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Cumberland

Maryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: #13DATE: 8/21REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorAL- **II** - **A** - 118NAME OF PROPERTY: Black Valley RdBrowning
Farm HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Gap roadDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 230° SWNAME OF OWNER: Rbt. L. Logeston328/438ADDRESS: Rt 1 Box 23359.92 Acresph. #STORIES: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()WINGS, ADDITIONS: shed roof frame on SE.DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)WALL CONSTRUCTION: german? ship lap siding

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others corner postsFOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone rubbleWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged(☒) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment(☒)ENTRANCE, DOORS: polymantLOCATION: center swHARDWARE: light casement in dormer.
1 light 2 4. 3 sq panels 5 second P.
engraved 2 (K)
original(☒) replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: Bed modules Box w/ soffit on front back
(crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; pressed shingles

original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable() wrap around verandaCHIMNEYS: Number: snowbirds lightning rods
Brick(☒) Stone() Corbeled(☒) original(☒) replaced()Location: flush end () Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior(☒)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

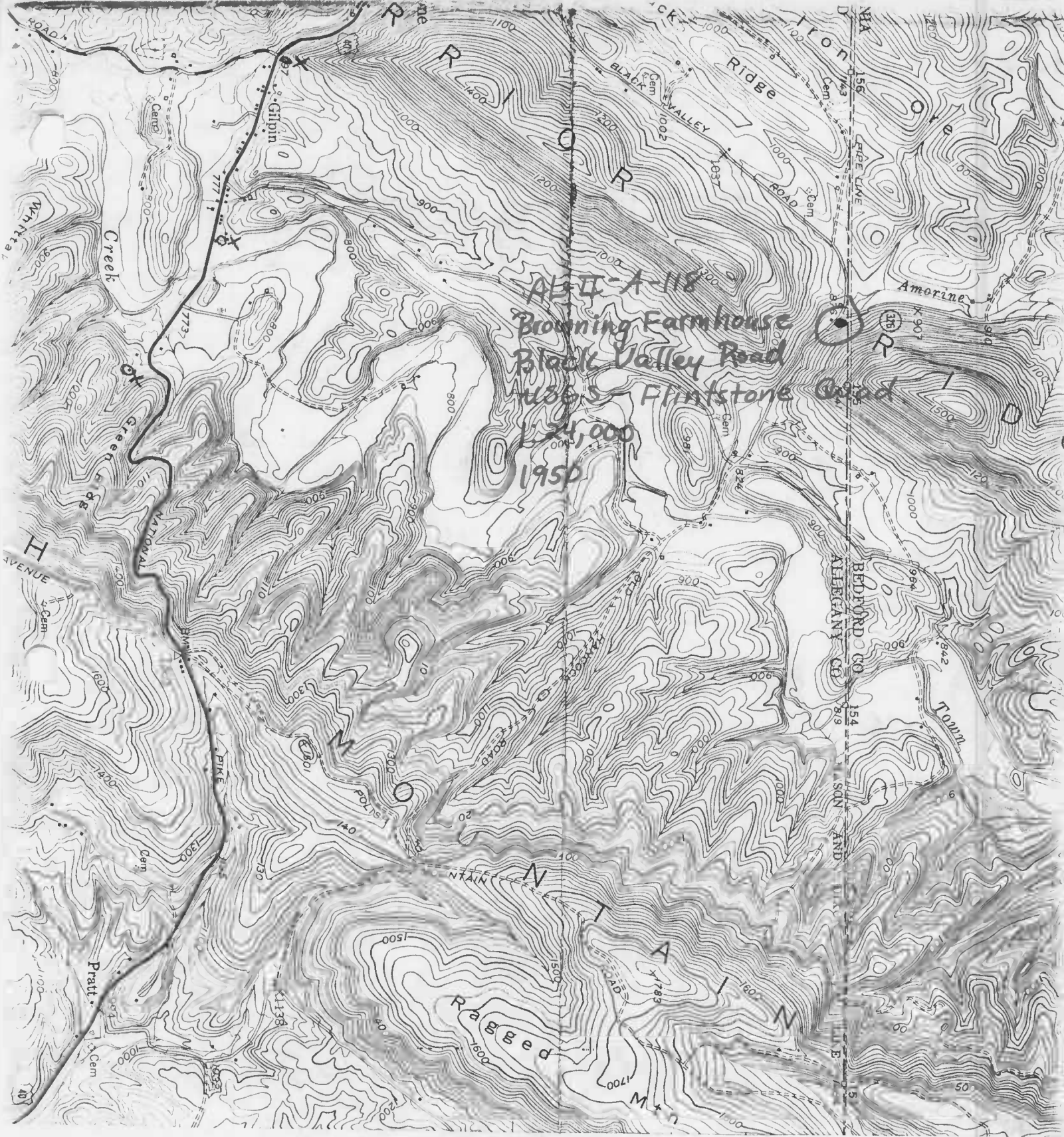
COMMENTS: ribbed tin porch roof lattice underneath

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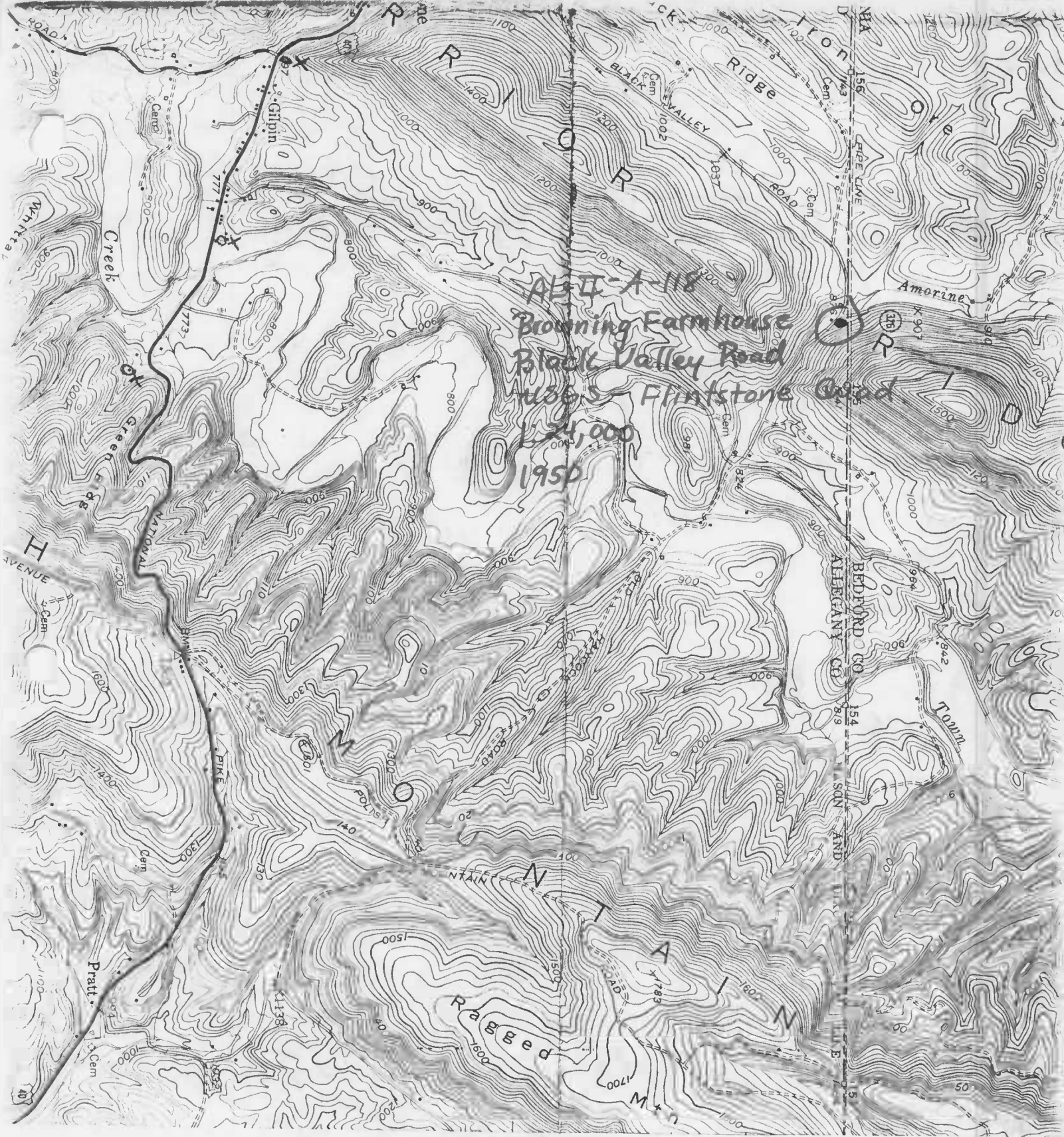
SIGNIFICANCE:

DATE CONSTRUCTED:

CONDITION: good



AL-118
Browning Farmhouse
Black Valley Road
US 5 - Flintstone Road
124,000
1950





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BROWNING FARMHOUSE

BLACK VALLEY RD FLINTSTONE

David A. Doisey

8/21/78

South



A1-11-A-118

BROWNING FARMHOUSE

BLACK VALLEY RD FLINTSTONE

David A - Dorsey

8/21/78

North